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ANNOUNCING AVAILABILITY OF \$35,000 IN TCA FUNDS FOR LOCAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS UNDER NEW SUB-GRANTING PROGRAM

El Paso, **Texas**; **December 11**, **2003** - The City of El Paso Arts and Culture Department is pleased to announce that the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) has created a new sub-granting program giving local arts organizations an additional opportunity for funding. This program will replace the now discontinued TCA Decentralization Grant Program.

The Arts & Culture Department is expected to receive \$35,000 in funding from TCA of which 100% will be sub-granted to local non profit arts organizations. Funded projects must take place between September 1, 2004 and August 31, 2005, and adhere to new TCA regulations. For more information please contact the Arts & Culture Department at (915) 541-4481.

The application deadline for this program is January 16, 2004, 5:00 pm.

The mission of the City of El Paso Arts & Culture Department is to deliver high quality arts and cultural experiences, and showcase El Paso as an international cultural destination.